# US moves to cut China’s remote access to AI chips



“Nobody’s proven that she’s a spy,” Trump said. “She may not be a spy.”

However, US investigators have alleged that they found “Alice Huang used industry contacts and a series of shell companies to access 240,000 chips banned for export into China,” CBS News reported.

## Trump thinks China won’t react to rule change

China is unlikely to welcome the new rules, as it has consistently accused the US of fabricating the spying claims to justify imposing additional chip restrictions.

However, a senior Trump official, granted anonymity to discuss

sensitive policy matters, told the NYT that Trump “did not expect countermeasures from China in response.”

Trump will be in China for an economic summit this week, including a meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping. The new curbs could potentially disrupt those talks, according to Hong Yuan, a researcher and secretary-general of the Center for American Military Studies at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Hong told the People’s Daily that China will likely view the rule change as politically motivated.

“Before any judicial causality was established, Washington handed down a political conviction, substituting suspicion for proof, espionage for personal contact, and an industrial embargo for private conduct,” Hong said. “The issue is not the cause of tighter controls, but a political catalyst.”

The new policy could hurt the US, experts told the Chinese outlets. Analysts told the South China Morning Post that the policy could “accelerate Chinese companies’ shift to domestic AI chips.” Other experts told the People’s Daily—which is the official newspaper of the Chinese Communist Party—that “the cost of switching back to US platforms will rise” over time. If that happened, it could potentially lock in Chinese technology over America’s in “the world’s largest single consumer market for chips,” experts said.

Sun Chenghao, senior fellow at the Center for International Security and Strategy at Tsinghua University in Beijing, told the People’s Daily that “what US companies stand to lose could be customers and technological influence for years to come.”

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